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Update: Cypress Creek Sewer Break

TWRA and Shelby County Health Department Recommend Closing Boat Ramp to McKellar Lake

MEMPHIS, TN – Out of an abundance of caution, the City of Memphis has closed the boat ramp at the Riverside Park Marina, 1875 McKellar Drive, which allows access to McKellar Lake until further notice. The closure comes at the recommendation of The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) and the Shelby County Health Department. In addition, city crews have increased signage along Cypress Creek and McKellar Lake to discourage any fishing in those bodies of water. While there is no immediate threat to public health or safety, the public is asked to heed the signs and avoid contact with affected areas.

Meanwhile, public works crews and our contractor continue to work around the clock to construct a bypass, after a major sewer line transporting wastewater to the TE Maxson Wastewater Treatment Plant was damaged, Thursday. We now estimate that a bypass will be in place Wednesday that will stop the waste from spilling into Cypress Creek.

The division of Public Works is following all required emergency response procedures to protect the public. This incident has not harmed our drinking water. The city will continue to work alongside the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, TWRA, Shelby County Health Department and Shelby County EMA until this situation is resolved.

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